

Have you ever considered being a volunteer member of a non-profit board?

For a non-profit organisation, it's been said that effective board service starts with the right match — the right match between an individual with the talent and commitment to make a difference and an organisation that is in need of that individual's unique blend of skills and attributes.

The Health Consumers' Council is currently seeking full board members and subsidiary officers to join its Board.

1. A **Full Board Member** is a person who has been appointed and/or elected to the Board of HCC, he or she is the equivalent of a Company Director in the for-profit sector and, with other members of the board, has a fiduciary and statutory duty to govern the Association within the law and in the best interests of all stakeholders. Full board members may in exceptional circumstances, be exposed to one or more personal liabilities arising from the conduct of the Association and its business. Board members are elected by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The next AGM is 8 November 2017.

Commitment

- Attend, fully prepare for, and diligently participate in board meetings (the fourth Wednesday of each month for 2 hours), committee meetings as may be required (typically the third Tuesday of each month for 1 hour) and occasional special events (e.g., AGM - 8th November 2017, Patient Experience Week 27/28 April 2018).
- Act in the best interests of the organisation, and excuse yourself from discussions and votes where you have a conflict of interest.
- Strive to keep up to date on trends, issues, and current developments that may affect the organisation.
- Actively voice opinions and concerns, and open-mindedly consider everyone else's opinions and concerns, in all board decision making. Trust that we all share a constant passion for this organisation's mission.
- Represent the organisation in a positive and supportive manner at all times.

If you're interested, please complete the EOI found at <http://www.hconc.org.au/get-involved/expressions-of-interest/> and email to: info@hconc.org.au by 31/10/17.

2. A **Subsidiary Officer** is someone who is appointed by the full board to bring special skills and experience to the board meetings to assist the members to govern the Association appropriately. Subsidiary Officers have no statutory duties and are not exposed to the possibility of any personal liabilities other than any which may arise from failure to do his or her common law duty to serve the Association in a professional and reliable manner.

Health Matters asked HCC Board members what prompted them to join the Board:

"I feel strongly that people need to know they can question their doctors and health professionals about their recommended care and make personal and informed decisions. I joined the Board to support the HCC's work to educate people regarding their health care rights." Cheryl Holland

"I joined in the hope I could help with governance of the Board; be involved in supporting health consumers navigate the health system along with individual advocacy as need be; and for identified system change needs." John Burton

"It was obvious even then that HCC has a huge contribution to make to changes in the health system as we move into digital health and all that that means and I felt I could help with my experience as a health consumer and small business owner." Tony Addiscott



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